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Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Annotated provisional agenda

The present document contains the provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2005 in section I and the annotations to the provisional agenda in section II.

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I. Provisional agenda

The provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2005 of the Council has been drawn up on the basis of the list of items approved by the Council at its organizational session for 2005 (decision 2005/203).

Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2005

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(a) Advancement of women;

(b) Social development;

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice;

(d) Narcotic drugs;

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(f) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action;

(g) Human rights;

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues.

II. Annotations

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

At its organizational session for 2005, the Council approved the provisional agenda for its substantive session (Council decision 2005/203).

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227, annex I, the Council will have before it a note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 2006 of the Council.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on proposed themes for the high-level and coordination segments of the substantive session of 2006 of the Council

A. High-level segment

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227, the Council will devote the first day of the high-level segment to a high-level policy dialogue with the executive heads of international trade and finance institutions on key issues of the global economy.

2. Achieving the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration, as well as implementing the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits: progress made, challenges and opportunities

The Council will have before it a report of the Secretary-General on the theme (Council decision 2004/294). The report will incorporate inputs from a number of relevant United Nations organizations and draw upon the outcomes of the special preparatory round tables of the Council held on 16 and 17 March 2005 and of the NGO/Civil Society Forum, sponsored by the NGO Section of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, held on 10 March 2005.[1]

The Council will also have before it the *World Economic and Social Survey, 2005*, prepared pursuant to General Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50, and the relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its seventh session (Council resolution 2004/66).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the themes of the high-level and coordination segments[1]

World Economic and Social Survey, 2005

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its seventh session

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

At its fifty-ninth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to improve his *annual* statistical compendium to the operational activities segment of the Council by adding a multi-year perspective, fully incorporating available information and statistics, and requested the Council to undertake triennially, as of 2006, a comprehensive review of trends and perspectives in funding for development cooperation (Assembly resolutions 35/81 and 59/250).

In paragraph 24 of its resolution 59/250, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General, in consultation with Member States, to explore various funding options for increasing financing for operational activities and to submit a report to the Assembly through the substantive session of the Council in 2005.

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of paragraphs 37 and 101 of General Assembly resolution 59/250 on an appropriate management process, containing clear guidelines, targets, benchmarks and time frames for the full implementation of the resolution.

The Council will have before it a consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities (Council resolution 1998/27, para. 4).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development for 2003 (General Assembly resolution 35/81)

Report of the Secretary-General on funding options and modalities for financing operational activities for development of the United Nations system[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on an appropriate management process for the implementation of General Assembly resolution 59/250

Consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities (E/2005/CRP.__)

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

The Council will also have before it the reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme, and the report of the Secretary-General on issues arising from the work of the Executive Boards of United Nations funds and programmes, including their overall financial picture, as well as the annual reports of the four funds and programmes (Council resolution 1994/33).

At its fifty-ninth session, the General Assembly invited the Executive Boards and governing bodies of the funds, programmes and the specialized agencies to assess regularly the progress achieved in the area of simplification and harmonization of rules and procedures, and requested the funds and programmes to provide, in their *annual* reports to the Council, specific information on the progress achieved in that area (Assembly resolution 59/250).

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2004 and its first regular session and annual session of 2005

Annual reports of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme (E/2005/4-DP/2005/13) and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (E/2005/5-DP/FPA/2005/2)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2004 (E/2004/34/Rev.1-E/ICEF/2004/7/Rev.1, part three), its first regular session of 2005 (E/2005/34 (Part I)-E/ICEF/2005/5 (Part I)) and its annual session of 2005

Annual report to the Council of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (E/2005/6-E/ICEF/2005/3)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2004 sessions (E/2005/36, Supplement No. 16)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme for 2004 (E/2005/14)

(c) South-South cooperation for development

At its fifty-eighth session, the General Assembly decided to change the name of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries to the *High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation* (Assembly resolution 58/220).

The High-level Committee is entrusted with the overall intergovernmental review of South-South cooperation within the United Nations system. It reports to the Assembly through the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme and the Economic and Social Council in accordance with the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among

Developing Countries (Assembly resolution 33/134). The Committee meets once *every two years* in odd-numbered years.

Documentation

Report of the High-level Committee on South-South Cooperation on its fourteenth session (A/60/39, Supplement No. 39)

C. Coordination segment

4. Towards achieving internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration

At its substantive session of 2004, in decision 2004/292, the Council decided to adopt the following theme for its 2005 coordination segment: "Towards achieving internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration".

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the themes of the high-level and coordination segments.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the themes of the high-level and coordination segments[1]

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

At its organizational session for 2005, the Council decided that the theme of the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2005 would be: "Strengthening of the coordination of the United Nations humanitarian assistance, including capacity as well as organizational aspects".

At its fifty-ninth session, in resolution 59/141, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixtieth session, through the Council at its substantive session of 2005, on the progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, including the implementation of and follow-up to Council resolution 2004/50.

Also at its fifty-ninth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to report to it at its sixtieth session on the implementation of its resolution entitled "Strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster" under the item entitled "Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance" and to report to the Council at its substantive session in 2005 (Assembly resolution 59/279).

The Council will have before it a report on the post-tsunami actions undertaken by the World Tourism Organization. In accordance with article 7 of its statute

(Assembly resolution 58/232, annex), the World Tourism Organization shall submit to the United Nations regular reports on its activities.

In accordance with Council resolution 1983/46, the Secretary-General orally apprises the Council *annually* on the status of the assistance to the drought-stricken areas of Djibouti, Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia, the Sudan and Uganda.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in strengthening the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations[2]

Report of the Secretary-General on strengthening emergency relief, rehabilitation, reconstruction and prevention in the aftermath of the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster[2]

Report of the World Tourism Organization on its actions undertaken in response to the Indian Ocean tsunami disaster (E/2005/48)

E. General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits

At its substantive session of 2004, the Council took note of the report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits (E/2004/71) and decided to continue to take the necessary steps for the effective implementation of the provisions of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B, which are relevant to the work of the Council and its subsidiary machinery. The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the implementation of Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (Council resolution 2004/44). See also under item 8.

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (see also under item 8)[2]

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

At its fifty-eighth session, the General Assembly requested the President of the Council, with support from the Vice-Presidents, to enhance the Council's interactions through regular exchanges with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development on organizational matters related to the follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development, within the context of the preparations of the high-level meeting with those institutions, bearing in mind Assembly resolution 57/270 B and Council resolution 2004/64, and to report thereon to the Council (Assembly resolution 58/230).

Documentation

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

At its resumed substantive session of 2004, the Council stressed the need for the effective implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 and its *annual* assessment at the substantive session of the Council (Council resolution 2004/65).

At its fifty-ninth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit, through the Council, an *annual* progress report on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (Assembly resolution 59/244).

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010[2]

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

The United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination will submit an *annual* overview report to the Council (Council resolution 13 (III)), which will provide the Council with a summary of the work carried out by the Board machinery in 2004.

The report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fifth session (Headquarters, 6 June-1 July 2005) will include the Committee's views on its consideration of the report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination.

Documentation

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2004

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-fifth session (A/60/16, Supplement No. 16)

(b) Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007

In accordance with rule 31 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Secretary-General will circulate the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 covering activities in the economic, social and human rights fields. The Council will consider the relevant sections of the programme budget for the biennium (Council resolution 1988/77).

See also General Assembly resolution 58/269 on the strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change.

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 (relevant fascicles of A/60/6)

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

At its substantive session of 2004, the Council requested the President of the Council to convene the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics for one more year to enable it to carry out, from within existing resources, the due fulfilment of the provisions of the Council resolutions on that item, to facilitate the successful implementation of the initiatives being taken by the Secretary-General with regard to the use of information technology and to continue the implementation of measures required to achieve its objectives, and requested the Secretary-General to report to the Council at its substantive session of 2005 on the action taken to follow up on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Working Group and an assessment of its work and mandate (Council resolution 2004/51).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the action taken to follow up on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

At its resumed substantive session of 2004, the Council requested the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti to submit a report on its work, with recommendations, as appropriate, to the Council at its substantive session of 2005 (Council decision 2004/322).

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti

(e) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

At its substantive session of 2004, the Council requested the Secretary-General to continue to review the implementation of agreed conclusions 1997/2 within the framework of his *annual* reports to the Commission on the Status of Women, the Council and the General Assembly (Council resolution 2004/4).

The Council will have before it the *annual* report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, with an assessment of progress made in mainstreaming a gender perspective within the United Nations system, including by providing information

on key achievements, lessons learned and best practices, and recommendations for further measures and strategies for future action within the United Nations system (Assembly resolution 59/168). See also under item 14 (a).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (see also under item 14 (a))

(f) Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force

At its substantive session of 2001, the Council had requested the Secretary-General to undertake the necessary steps to establish the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force (Council decision 2001/210). The ICT Task Force submits an *annual* report to the Secretary-General focusing on the major emerging issues, including recommendations thereon, in the context of information and communication technologies.

At its substantive session of 2004, the Council encouraged the Task Force to continue promoting information and communication technologies for development worldwide, including through contributing to the World Summit on the Information Society process (Council decision 2004/296).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Task Force

(g) Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

At its substantive session of 2003, the Council requested the Secretary-General to transmit to it, at its substantive session of 2005, a report prepared by the Executive Director of the Programme, in collaboration with other relevant organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, that should include information on progress made in developing the coordinated response of the United Nations system to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, as well as the decisions, recommendations and conclusions of the Programme Coordinating Board taken subsequent to the substantive session of the Council in 2003 (Council resolution 2003/18).

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

(h) Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict

At its organizational session for 2005, the Council requested the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi to continue to follow closely the humanitarian situation and economic and social conditions, to examine the transition from relief to development in Burundi and the way in which the international community supported the process, and to report to it, as appropriate, at its substantive session in 2005. The Council also decided to consider the reports of the Group[3] during its

substantive session in 2005, and requested that the report of the Group to that session describe, inter alia, how the Group had fulfilled its mandate. The Council further decided to hold a discussion on the work of the Group and on how it had fulfilled its mandate (Council resolution 2005/1).

Also, at its organizational session for 2005, the Council decided to extend the mandate of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau until its substantive session in 2005, and requested that in its report to the Council at that session, the Group describe how it had fulfilled its mandate and, if necessary, include a discussion of the tasks remaining to be accomplished as well as an estimated timetable for the completion of those tasks, in the light of the prevailing situation, as well as a discussion of the implementation of its recommendations. The Council also decided to consider the reports of the Group[3] during its substantive session of 2005 (Council resolution 2005/2).

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau

(i) Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

The Council will be required to approve its calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2006 and 2007 (Council decision 52 (LVII))

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2006 and 2007 (E/2005/L. ...)

Letter from the Chairman of the Committee on Conferences to the President of the Council

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B

At its substantive session of 2004, the Council, in resolution 2004/44, decided to revise the title of agenda item 8 to read as above and requested the Secretary-General to submit a report on the role of the Council in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B for consideration by the Council at its substantive session in 2005. See also under the chapeau of item 6.

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in light of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B (see also under the chapeau of item 6)[2]

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Assistance to the Palestinian people. At its sixty-third session, in 1977, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it *annual* reports on the question of assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII)).

At its fifty-ninth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a report to the Assembly at its sixtieth session, through the Council, on the implementation of Assembly resolution 59/56 on the subject.

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. At its substantive session of 2004, the Council, in its resolution 2004/53, requested its President to continue to maintain close contact with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples and to report thereon to the Council, and requested the Secretary-General to follow the implementation of that resolution, paying particular attention to cooperation and integration arrangements for maximizing the efficiency of the assistance activities undertaken by various organizations of the United Nations system, and to report thereon to the Council at its substantive session of 2005. See also General Assembly resolution 59/129.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

10. Regional cooperation

The Council will consider the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation and take the necessary action on the decisions and recommendations of the regional commissions contained therein. The report will bring to the Council's attention any decisions or recommendations of the regional commissions that statutorily require approval by the Council. A section of the report will deal with the following topic: "Achievement of the internationally agreed development goals, including those contained in the Millennium Declaration: a regional perspective" (Council decision 2005/206).

The Council will also have before it the summaries of the surveys of regional economic and social conditions prepared by the regional commissions, highlighting the main problems and prospects of those regions (Council decision 1979/1).

At its substantive session of 2003, the Council requested the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe to continue to take an active part in the follow-up to the project for the Europe-

Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar and to report to the Council at its substantive session of 2005 (Council resolution 2003/52).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (E/2005/15 and Add.1)

Summary of the economic survey of Europe, 2004 (E/2005/16)

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Africa, 2004 (E/2005/17)

Summary of the survey of economic and social conditions in Asia and the Pacific, 2005 (E/2005/18)

Summary of the economic survey of Latin America and the Caribbean, 2004 (E/2005/19)

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the region of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, 2004-2005 (E/2005/20)

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the Europe-Africa permanent link through the Strait of Gibraltar (E/2005/21)

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

At its substantive session of 2004, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its sixtieth session, through the Council, a report on the implementation of its resolution 2004/54 and to continue to include, in the report of the United Nations Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, an update on the living conditions of the Palestinian people, in collaboration with relevant United Nations agencies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2004/54 (A/60/65-E/2005/13)[2]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Pursuant to its resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31, the Council will consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on the work of its 2005 regular session and take action on the recommendations contained therein.

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 2005 regular session (E/2005/32 (Parts I and II))

13. Economic and environmental questions

The General Assembly, in resolution 57/270 B, paragraph 49, had urged the Council to make better use of the existing consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions and to dedicate more time to its review.

At its substantive session of 2004, the Council, in its resolution 2004/63, requested the Secretary-General to submit to it a consolidated report on the work of the functional commissions in 2005 focusing on the substantive aspects of their activities so as to complement the report on the role of the Council in the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B and 57/270 B. See also under the chapeau of item 14.

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council in 2005 (see also under the chapeau of item 14)

(a) Sustainable development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its thirteenth session (Headquarters, 11-22 April 2005). The provisional agenda for the thirteenth session of the Commission was approved by the Council in its decision 2004/234.

The Council will also have before it the report of the Committee for Development Policy on the work of its seventh session (Headquarters, 14-18 March 2005).

At its fifty-ninth session, the General Assembly, in its resolution 59/227, requested the Secretary-General to continue his efforts to strengthen system-wide inter-agency cooperation and coordination for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Johannesburg Plan of Implementation, and in that regard to report on such inter-agency cooperation and coordination activities and their terms of reference to the Council in 2005.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its thirteenth session (E/2005/29, Supplement No. 9)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its seventh session (E/2005/33, Supplement No. 13)

Report of the Secretary-General on system-wide inter-agency cooperation and coordination for the implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development

(b) Science and technology for development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on the work of its eighth session (Geneva, 23-27 May 2005). The provisional agenda and documentation for the eighth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2004/315.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its eighth session (E/2005/31, Supplement No. 11)

(c) Statistics

The Council will consider the report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-sixth session (Headquarters, 1-4 March 2005). The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-sixth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2004/236.

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-sixth session (E/2005/24, Supplement No. 4)

(d) Human settlements

The Council will have before it the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on its twentieth session (Nairobi, 4-8 April 2005) (Assembly resolution 56/206).

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme on its twentieth session (A/60/8, Supplement No. 8)[2]

(e) Environment

The Council will have before it the report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme/Global Ministerial Environment Forum on its twenty-third session (Nairobi, 21-25 February 2005).

The Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme reports to the General Assembly through the Council (Assembly resolution 2997 (XXVII), sect. I, para. 3). The Governing Council meets in regular sessions every two years in odd-numbered years and in special sessions in alternate years (Assembly resolution 53/242).

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme/Global Ministerial Environment Forum on its twenty-third session (A/60/25, Supplement No. 25)[2]

(f) Population and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Population and Development on the work of its thirty-eighth session (Headquarters, 4-8 and 14 April 2005). The provisional agenda and documentation for the thirty-eighth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2004/237.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its thirty-eighth session (E/2005/25, Supplement No. 5)

(g) Public administration and development

The Council will have before it the report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its fourth session (Headquarters, 4-8 April 2005). In its decision 2004/302, the Council decided that the fourth session of the Committee should be devoted to the items suggested by the Committee at its third session.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its fourth session (E/2005/44, Supplement No. 24)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

At its resumed substantive session of 2004, the Council decided that the Ad Hoc Group of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters should be renamed the *Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters* and that the Committee, as of 2005, should meet in Geneva on a *yearly* basis for not more than five days, within existing resources. The Council also decided that the Committee should submit its report to the Council at its substantive session in 2005 to be considered under the sub-item entitled "International cooperation in tax matters" (Council resolution 2004/69).

The Committee will hold its first session in Geneva from 5 to 9 December 2005. The Council will have before it the report of the first session at a resumed session of the Council.

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its first session (E/2005/45, Supplement No. 25)

(i) United Nations Forum on Forests

The Council will have before it the report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its fifth session (New York, 16-27 May 2005). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fifth session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its decision 2004/235.

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its fifth session (E/2005/42, Supplement No. 22)

(j) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

At its fifty-ninth session, the General Assembly invited the Council to continue its consideration of the question of assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, and decided to transmit the most recent report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related

to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions, together with the relevant background materials, to the Council at its substantive session of 2005 (Assembly resolution 59/45).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the provisions of the Charter of the United Nations related to assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions (A/59/334)

Note by the Secretary-General on assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

(k) Cartography

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas (New York, 27 June-
1 July 2005) (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV)).

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the Eighth United Nations Regional Cartographic Conference for the Americas

(l) Women and development

For consideration of this sub-item, the Council will have before it relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-ninth session (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24).

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-ninth session (E/2005/27, Supplement No. 7)

(m) Transport of dangerous goods

At its substantive session of 2003, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to it a report in 2005 on the implementation of its resolution 2003/64 entitled "Work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals".

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

14. Social and human rights questions

The Council will have before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council in 2005 so as to assist the Council in its review of reports of the functional commissions (Council agreed conclusions 2002/1). See also under the chapeau of item 13.

Documentation

Consolidated report of the Secretary-General on the work of the functional commissions of the Council in 2005 (also under the chapeau of item 13)

(a) Advancement of women

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-ninth session (Headquarters, 28 February-11 March and 22 March 2005). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-ninth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2004/239.

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (General Assembly resolution 34/180, annex). Under article 21 of the Convention, the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women shall report *annually* on its activities to the Assembly through the Council and may make suggestions and general recommendations based on the examination of reports and information received from the States parties to the Convention.

The Council will have before it the *annual* report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to and progress made in the implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, with an assessment of progress made in mainstreaming a gender perspective within the United Nations system (Assembly resolution 59/168). The Council requested the Secretary-General to continue to review the implementation of agreed conclusions 1997/2 within the framework of his *annual* reports to the Commission on the Status of Women, the Council and the Assembly (Council resolution 2004/4). See also under item 7 (e).

The Council will have before it the report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women. The Institute functions under the authority of the Executive Board, which reports *annually* to the Council (Council resolutions 1998 (LX) and 2003/57).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its forty-ninth session (E/2005/27, Supplement No. 7)

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (A/60/38, Supplement No. 38)

Report of the Secretary-General on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action and the outcome of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, including progress in the area of gender mainstreaming (also under item 7 (e))

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women on its second session

Letter dated 23 November 2004 from the Permanent Representatives of Canada, Jordan, Mexico, the Niger and Slovenia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General, transmitting an organizational assessment of the United Nations Development Fund for Women: past, present and future (A/60/62-E/2005/10)

(b) Social development

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-third session (Headquarters, 20 February 2004 and 9-18 February 2005). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-third session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2004/241.

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-third session (E/2005/26, Supplement No. 6)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its fourteenth session (Vienna, 18-27 May 2005). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fourteenth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2004/242.

The Council, in its resolution 1745 (LIV) of 16 May 1973, invited the Secretary-General to submit to it, at *five-year intervals* starting from 1975, periodic updated and analytical reports on capital punishment. The report will also be submitted to the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its fourteenth session and, in pursuance of Commission on Human Rights resolution 2004/67 of 21 April 2004, will be before the Commission on Human Rights at its sixty-first session (Council resolution 1990/51 and Council decision 2004/242).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its fourteenth session (E/2005/30, Supplement No. 10)

Report of the Secretary-General on capital punishment and implementation of the safeguards guaranteeing protection of the rights of those facing the death penalty (E/2005/3)[4]

(d) Narcotic drugs

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-eighth session (Vienna, 7-14 March 2005). The provisional agenda and documentation for the forty-eighth session of the Commission were approved by the Council in its decision 2004/244.

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board. In accordance with article 15, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, article 18, paragraph 1, of the 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances, and article 23, paragraph 1, of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances, the Board will report to the Council, through the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, on its work for 2004.

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its forty-eighth session (E/2005/28, Supplement No. 8)

Summary of the report of the International Narcotics Control Board for 2004 (E/INCB/2004/1)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

At its fifty-eighth session, the General Assembly had decided that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees should make an *annual* oral report to the Council to keep it informed of the coordination aspects of the work of the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and should continue the existing practice, as established in paragraph 11 of its statute (Assembly resolution 428 (V), annex), of presenting an *annual* written report to the Assembly (Assembly resolution 58/153).

At its fifty-ninth session, the General Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit a comprehensive report on assistance to refugees, returnees and displaced persons in Africa to the Assembly at its sixtieth session, taking fully into account the efforts expended by countries of asylum, under the item entitled "Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions", and to present an oral report to the Council at its substantive session of 2005 (Assembly resolution 59/172).

Documentation

Letter dated 8 March 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Jordan to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (E/2005/46)

(f) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

At its fifty-ninth session, the General Assembly decided that the Council should oversee system-wide coordination of the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action and that the Commission on Human Rights, as a functional commission of the Council, should have a central role in the monitoring of the implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action within the United Nations system and in advising the Council thereon (Assembly resolution 59/177).

The Council will have before it the reports submitted to the Commission on Human Rights at its sixty-first session bearing the following symbols: E/CN.4/2005/15, E/CN.4/2005/16, E/CN.4/2005/17, E/CN.4/2005/20, E/CN.4/2005/21, E/CN.4/2005/22 and E/CN.4/2005/125.

Documentation

No advance documentation has been requested

(g) Human rights

The Council will have before it the report of the Commission on Human Rights on its sixty-first session (Geneva, 14 March-22 April 2005).

The Council will also have before it the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its thirty-second and thirty-third sessions (Geneva, 26 April-14 May 2004 and 8-26 November 2004)

The Council will also have before it the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (Assembly resolution 48/141).

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Human Rights on its sixty-first session (E/2005/23, Supplement No. 3)

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its thirty-second and thirty-third sessions (E/2005/22, Supplement No. 2)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Council will have before it the report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fourth session (Headquarters, 16-27 May 2005). The provisional agenda and documentation for the fourth session of the Forum were approved by the Council in its decision 2004/289.

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its fourth session (E/2005/43, Supplement No. 23)

Notes

[1] In view of the close link between the themes selected for the high-level and coordination segments of the Council, and in order to rationalize the documentation in preparation for the substantive session, it was decided that the reporting and recommendations of the Secretary-General for both segments should be consolidated in a single comprehensive document.

[2] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

[3] Previous reports of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Burundi (E/2004/11, E/2004/98 and E/2005/11) and of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau (E/2003/8, E/2003/95, E/2004/10, E/2004/92 and E/2005/8) will be made available upon request.

[4] Submitted to the Council through the Commission on Human Rights and the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice.